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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC EC BRUSSELS CAIRO TEHRAN
FROM JIDDA 30 MAY 75:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 3821

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DEPT PASS USDEL SECRETARY FOR ACTION

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, EGEN, EGY, SA

SUBJECT: SAUDI RESPONSE TO AIDE REQUEST FOR EGYPT.

REF: STATE 125244 SECTO 02048

1. THERE IS NO WAY OF FINDING OUT TODAY IF SAUDI COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS DISCUSSED FURTHER EGYPTIAN AID AT THEIR MEETING
WEDNESDAY. COURT IS BEING MOVED. I WILL SEE CROWN PRINCE
FAHD SATURDAY EVENING (1400 GMT MAY 31) AND WILL ASK HIM.
I WILL MAKE STRONG EFFORT TO PERSUADE HIM TO MAKE EARLY
DECISION AND TO AUTHORIZE ANNOUNCEMENT AT SALZBURG THAT THREE
STATES WILL MAKE SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE
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AVAILABLE TO EGYPT. I WILL ALSO RAISE POSSIBILITY OF SAG

APPROACHING KUWAIT AND INFORM FAHD THAT SHAH HAS
AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE \$100 MILLION AND WILL
BE ASKED TO RAISE THIS TO AT LEAST \$200 MILLION.

2. REGARDING TERMS, I PRESUME THAT OUR VERY LIBERAL
TERMS CAN BE CITED AS A POSSIBILITY TO FAHD SINCE THEY WERE
MENTIONED TO ABA AL KHAYL.

3. I SUGGEST FOLLOWING WORDING FOR ANNOUNCEMENT AT
SALZBURG, TO BE PASSED TO FAHD FOR HIS APPROVAL: BEGIN
THE UNITED STATES HAS AGREED TO JOIN SAUDI ARABIA AND
IRAN IN FURNISHING EMERGENCY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT. THE THREE COUNTRIES, WHO MAY
BE JOINED BY OTHER FRIENDS OF EGYPT, PLAN TO PROVIDE
SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF AID ON THE LONGEST
POSSIBLE TERMS DURING THE CURRENT YEAR TO MAINTAIN
EGYPTIAN PRODUCTION OF CONSUMER GOODS AND PROVIDE RELIEF
FOR HER SHORT-TERM COMMERCIAL DEBTS IN WESTERN CURRENCIES.
END.

4. REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF TEXT PARAGRAPH 3 AND
APPROVAL TO MAKE APPROACH AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH ONE.
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